

U.S. Representative JOHN CONYERS, JR. D-13th Congressional District

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Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born May 16, 1929, son of John and Lucille Conyers; B.A., Wayne State University, 1957; J.D., Wayne State Law School, 1958; honorary LL.D., Wilberforce University, 1969; married to Monica; two sons, John III and Carl Edward; Tabernacle Baptist Church; officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, served one year in Korea, awarded combat and merit citations; legislative assistant to Congressman John Dingell, 1958-1961; senior partner in firm of Conyers, Bell and Townsend, 1959-1961; referee, Michigan Workmen's Compensation Department, 1961-1963; director of education, Local 900 UAW; executive board member, Detroit Branch NAACP and Wolverine Bar Association; advisory council member, Michigan Civil Liberties Union; general counsel, Detroit Trade Union Leadership Council; vice chair, National Board of Americans for Democratic Action, National Advisory Board - American Civil Liberties Union; board member, director, sponsor, and/or member of over 75 other organizations, including the African-American Institute, Trans Africa Commission for Racial Justice, Detroit Institute of Art, National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and National League of Cities; author of numerous articles; ranking member, Judiciary Committee; founding member and dean, Congressional Black Caucus; recipient, Southern Christian Leadership Conference award and honorary degree from several colleges and universities; first elected to the 89th Congress in 1964, and reelected to each succeeding Congress.